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Are you sharing your faith? When you finish reading *Faith & Friends* in the centre of this issue, pull it out and give it to someone

who needs to hear about Christ's life-changing power. You'll both be glad you did.

We're Changing

By responding to our recent readership survey, many of you have helped shape the future of *Salvationist* magazine. In this issue, we've introduced new columns based on your suggestions. These include Formation, which explores areas of spiritual growth; Jarring Words, a Bible study on Luke; and War Cry Snapshots, which looks back at 125 years of Army publishing. Next month, we're adding more departments, ramping up the Army news and presenting a fresh, new design.

We're not the only one who is changing. On page eight, Phyllis Tickle explores some of the ways that Christianity is evolving in today's society. Also, Dr. James Read and Captain Amy Reardon discuss the Army's teetotaling stance; the International Conference of Leaders invites you to covenant with a new spiritual statement; and Melissa Walter profiles five retired—and refired!—Salvationists.

We invite your feedback. Visit Salvationist.ca, e-mail us or send us a letter.

Major Jim Champ, Editor-In-Chief

BUGs in Prince Rupert, B.C.

Young women in Prince Rupert, B.C., learned that they were BUGs—beautiful, unique girls. Using Psalm 139:13-16 as their biblical foundation, leaders at the evening event discussed where positive and negative messages come from. Through music, drama and personal testimonies, the girls were given an opportunity to lay aside negative thoughts and choose to see themselves through God's eyes.

Using the atmosphere of a pyjama party, the group enjoyed nail-painting, games, pizza and fondue. "It was a great night, one that we will do again," says Captain

Nancy Sheils, corps officer, Prince Rupert Community Church.

"I know that my value comes from God and I don't need to look to other people for approval," says one of the attendees. "It's more important what God thinks of me and what he has planned for me. Earthly standards mean nothing."



Girls celebrate their uniqueness with a pyjama party

Yellowknife is Prepared for Disaster

The Salvation Army in Yellowknife, under the leadership of Majors Dale and Jo Sobool, directors, Northwest Territories Resource Centre, hosted a three-day emergency and disaster services training event in June. More than

45 delegates from the Army and the City of Yellowknife shared in the seminar, led by Majors Roy and Sandy Langer, divisional emergency and disaster services director and divisional volunteer services secretary, Alberta and Northern Territories Division.

The training focused on the provision of emotional and spiritual care in disasters and the logistics of setting up a reception area for victims during an emergency situation.



Mjrs Roy and Sandy Langer, bottom left, and Mjrs Dale and Jo Sobool, back left, with participants

Did you know ...

... *Why and What We Believe*, by Lt-Col Harry Dean, is the latest book published by the Army in its Classic Salvationist Texts series? The volume is aimed at a new generation of readers, helping them to become familiar with Salvationist theology using plain language and is available through the supplies and purchasing department as well as

amazon.co.uk

... the autumnal equinox, or the first day of fall, will take place on September 22? It is one of only two days in the year with exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12 of darkness in the northern hemisphere ... The maple tree became Canada's arboreal emblem in 1966? The red maple leaf has commonly been used as a Canadian symbol nationally and

Recognizing Rural Corps

Rural corps in Newfoundland and Labrador Division were recognized at the annual Advisory Board Red Shield Luncheon in St. John's. Marilyn Simmonds, corps treasurer in Charlottetown, N.L., accepted an award in recognition of outstanding dedication and service to the work of The Salvation Army through the Red Shield Appeal.



CT Marilyn Simmonds accepts her award from Mjr Wade Budgell, secretary for public relations and development, N.L. Div, supported by her husband, CSM Lester Simmonds

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internationally for many years, but has only recently been made official ... Tokyo, Japan, is the most expensive city in the world to live in according to Forbes.com? The cost of living has increased 13.1 percent in the last year. A bus or subway ride costs \$3.25, and a coffee and newspaper total \$11.70, 24 percent more than in New York

Beaver Creek Under Construction

Paralleling the renovations taking place around them, 80 women of the former Prairie and Northern Territories Division met together in May at Beaver Creek Camp, Sask., around the theme "Under Construction." Captain Denise Walker, territorial children and family ministries secretary, THQ corps ministries, based her sermons on the book of Nehemiah, encouraging the women first to remove the rubble, then rebuild the walls and finally to be restored in their Christian lives.

While the main focus of the weekend was spiritual growth, the women also came prepared to make practical contributions to Salvation Army ministry at home and around the world. They held a silent auction during the weekend that raised more than \$3,000 toward the purchase of sewing machines and other materials for the Army's training college in Bangladesh. "The women were moved by the sight of children playing on basic playground equipment, something we take so easily for granted," says Major Miriam Wing, community and family services officer, Haven of Hope, Regina.

Adding to work already done by other groups in the division, the women put the finishing touches on renovations to the camp's staff lounge. The room, along with a newly constructed bridge, was dedicated and declared

officially open with the prayer that the upgraded facilities will "create a comfortable environment for young people for years to come."

Lighter moments at Beaver Creek women's camp



Building Bridges in Richmond Hill

Richmond Hill Community Church, Ont., has been reaching out to the community through a craft group and a mother's morning-out program. Through these activities, the women have been supporting each other, building relationships with women from the neighbourhood and finding opportunities to witness. "The ladies at RHCC are excited to see what the Lord is doing," says Major Beth Pearo, corps officer.

Richmond Hill community ministries



Emergency Readiness in British Columbia

Last spring, Don Armstrong, emergency and disaster services co-ordinator, Chilliwack, B.C., and his team were called into action to support volunteers and residents when a flood hit. The emergency disaster services (EDS) mobile canteen travelled from Abbotsford, B.C., and was soon delivering food and clean water to local residents and workers. Its generator was used to pump water out of flooded basements.

A debriefing with local emergency social services led to a discussion of what else the Army could do in a future emergency situation. There were many possibilities, but the primary challenge was a lack of volunteers.

As a result, Armstrong organized a training session for local high school students. With the support of Major Gord Armstrong, an EDS trainer, and John McEwan, EDS director, British Columbia Division, 108 students took an emergency food handling services course.

"It was an awesome opportunity for the students to go through scenarios of disasters and try to ensure all the needed positions were covered," says Don Armstrong. The students are enthusiastic about helping out in the event of a future emergency, and he is pleased to have some well-trained volunteers who can be called upon when needed.



Young people train to assist in future emergencies

Bowmanville Community Church 125th Anniversary October 24-25

Oct 24—7 p.m.

Concert by **Yorkminster Band and Songsters**
Refreshments to follow

Oct 25—10:30 a.m.

Worship service with **Lt-Col Floyd Tidd, DC, Ont. CE Div**
Cake cutting and potluck luncheon to follow

Greetings from former soldiers and corps officers can be sent to:
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Neighbourhood Links

Through community and family services, the Army reaches out to people with programs tailored to meet specific needs

by Captain Kim Walter, Editor, Edge for Kids

Creating a Better Life

Spryfield's Family Resource Centre is a place of support



Tina Fluke discusses nutrition with newcomers to Canada

In the Spryfield community of Halifax, The Salvation Army has been meeting the needs of the disadvantaged for more than 30 years. Its new family resource centre, operating in partnership with other community groups, offers programs that help address the issues of poverty, illiteracy and early childhood stimulation. The centre gives a hand up to those wanting a better life for themselves and their families.

The resource centre is a place of support for immigrants who need emotional and practical support as they adjust to a new country and way of life. Part of this ministry includes the New Country Café, run by Tina Fluke. Many newcomers arrive in Canada with very little idea of how to manage in a new culture. Even the food they receive at the Army's food bank is foreign to them. Determined to help, Fluke meets with her clients at the centre where the group prepares a menu. They go to a local grocery store, purchase the items and return to the centre to prepare the meal. At each step in the process, there is also the opportunity to practise language skills as well as share with others in similar circumstances. It is one practical example of faith taking action to meet human need.

Standing Beside the Broken

Cadet Kristen Gray reflects on her visit to Saskatoon's Community Centre

As part of my summer assignment as a Salvation Army cadet, I spent one day a week at The Salvation Army's Community Centre in Saskatoon," says Cadet Kristen Gray, now in her second year at the College for Officer Training in Winnipeg. "The centre includes a men's shelter, transitional housing, a variety of family services, a half-way house, serves up to 300 meals each day to the community and provides after-hours emergency assistance for women and families in crisis."

Cadet Gray's involvement included helping serve an evening meal for 70-100 people on Friday and Sunday nights. "One of the goals of the program is to serve the residents and community people without sacrificing their dignity and pride," she says. "I also joined the outreach co-ordinator on her breakfast run."

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, a breakfast van visits four locations. "People depend on the van," says Cadet Gray. "Without this ministry, many of them, including some children, would go hungry."

The Army's ministry does much more than address physical hunger. This particular program, and others like it, meet people at many points of need, whether they are physical, emotional, social or spiritual. "I believe that this ministry unit and many others are doing what God has called the Army to do," she says. "In obeying that call, we are putting into action the words of the contemporary worship song, 'We must go, live to feed the hungry, stand beside the broken. We must go!'"

An Invitation to Chat and Chew

East Toronto offers food and fellowship through its lunch program

Examining the East Toronto community, Major Ray Braddock, corps officer, and Chantal Webb, community outreach co-ordinator, felt compelled to reach out and demonstrate Christ's compassion in a tangible way. After prayer and planning, the Chat and Chew lunch program began in 2008.

"We were discouraged at first," recalls Webb of the five people who arrived for the first meal. But over time, word of the lunch program began to trickle through the neighbourhood and now more than 120 regularly gather weekly in the fellowship hall.

Mark Reed, program cook, ensures there is plenty of tasty and nutritious food each week, all prepared on a tight budget. Local grocery stores and bakeries make regular contributions to the program.

A sense of community has developed and many are willing to pitch in and help with providing the meal. Some arrive early to help set up tables and chairs, while others clear dishes.

Not everyone comes because they are hungry for food. Single moms, people on disability pensions and those looking for fellowship find community at The Salvation Army. They are grateful for the opportunity to get out and enjoy the company of others.

Major Braddock says that the program has brought together other groups as well. For example, a group from the Army's Korean Community Church helps with food preparation and clean-up. Outreach workers from the nearby Salvation Army Gateway Shelter attend on a regular basis as well.

Encouraged by the success of the program, Major Braddock has ideas for expanding it. The corps operates an after-school program, and sent many of the children to camp in the summer. "The key is having the right people who have a vision for reaching out into the community," says Major Braddock. Through the outreach programs, his goal is to treat people in the neighbourhood like family.




Commissioner Marilyn D. Francis, TPWM, visits the lunch program and shares a devotional message

Cooking Demonstrations

Portage la Prairie helps clients cook a nutritious meal

Although healthy food is made available at a food bank, not everyone knows how to cook a nutritious meal. In Portage la Prairie, Man., Captain B.J. Loder, former corps officer, enlisted the assistance of Janelle Botterill, a local certified dietician, to offer cooking classes, enabling clients to make better use of the food they received.

"This is the missing link that we have gone without for quite a while," Captain Loder says of the program. "We are really excited about this." 

Janelle Botterill, community dietician, demonstrates food preparation



Stratford Community Church 125th Anniversary SEPTEMBER 12-13

With Lt-Colonels Lee and Deborah Graves

Saturday

6 p.m.—Celebration Dinner and Historical Presentation

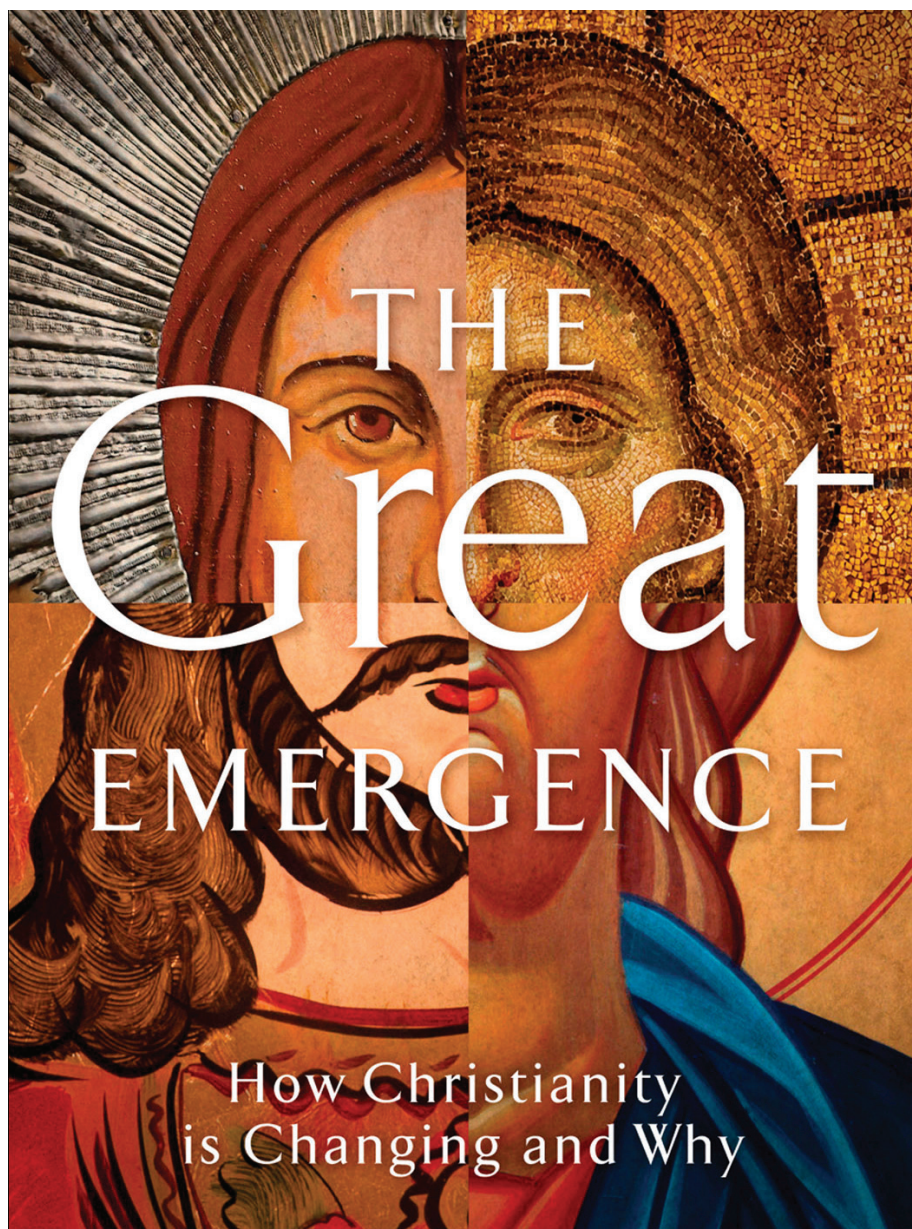
Sunday

11 a.m.—Service of Celebration

2:20 p.m.—Musical Program at the Park

Former officers and friends may send greetings to cyril_janes@can.salvationarmy.org





Declining church membership, the breaking down of denominational loyalty and barriers, the rise of new “emergent” churches that blend ancient rituals, litanies and hymns together with contemporary forms of worship and calls for social action—something is happening out there. But what is it? And why is it happening now?

What’s happening is as old as religion itself, says Phyllis Tickle, author of *The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why*. Tickle, who will be speaking at The Great Emergence, a one-day conference in Winnipeg on October 31, explored the link between the Church’s history of change and the new face of the Church today in an interview with John Longhurst, freelance writer.

Every time the encrustations of an overly established Christianity are broken open, the faith spreads dramatically, thereby increasing the range and depth of the Church’s reach

What is the Great Emergence?

The Great Emergence refers to a monumental phenomenon in our world today that affects every part of our lives—religious, social, cultural, intellectual, political and economical. The world is changing rapidly, and in so many ways, that we can hardly keep up with it.

In the religious sphere, many people have observed that these kinds of changes seem to happen every 500 years—a period of upheaval followed by a period of settling down, then codification, and then upheaval again because we do not like to be codified.

For Western Christianity, the Protestant or Great Reformation happened about 500 years ago. Five hundred years before that you hit the Great Schism, when the Church divided between east and west. Five hundred years earlier you have Pope Gregory the Great, who helped bring the Church out of the Dark Ages.

During these 500-year episodes the Church has what Anglican Bishop Mark Dyer calls a giant rummage sale—it takes a look at its old stuff and decides to sell what it no longer needs. We are going through this kind of giant sale today.

What happens to the Church during this giant rummage sale?

During these times of rearrangement and upheaval, the institutionalized church throws off things that are restricting its growth. During that mighty upheaval, history shows that at least three things always happen.

First, a new, more vital form of Christianity emerges. Second, the organized expression of Christianity, which up until then had been the dominant one, is reconstituted into a more pure and less ossified expression of its former self. During the Protestant Reformation, both the reformers, and those they were reacting against, ended up being better churches.

Finally, every time the encrustations of an overly established Christianity are broken open, the faith spreads dramatically, thereby increasing the range and depth of the Church’s reach. Following the Protestant Reformation, Christianity was spread over far more of the earth’s territories than had ever been true in the past.

Every religion is subject to becoming encrusted and institutionalized over time. It appears to take the Abrahamic faiths—Christianity, Judaism and Islam—about 500 years before people rebel and seek

reform. When that happens, new and vigorous expressions of faith emerge, breaking the moulds that have held them and scattering the pieces.

How is this change evident in the Church today?

Evangelicalism has lost much of its credibility and spiritual energy of late, in much the same way that mainline Protestantism has. In its place is a new approach called the emergent church. This is a new gathering of believers that is not based on traditional denominations, creeds or beliefs. It is a mix of Evangelicalism, Pentecostalism, the mainline Protestant churches and the liturgical tradition, together with an emphasis on head and heart—not just one or the other—along with the deep commitment to social justice.

This new style of Western Christianity is not hierarchical or based on a certain doctrinal system. It's more about community and conversation, not about a set of beliefs and creeds. It is incarnational, not creedal. It is not interested in structures, hierarchies and buildings.

Does this mean the death of traditional mainline denominations?

No! Just as the Protestant Reformation didn't spell the end of the Roman Catholic Church—it emerged stronger and more vibrant—mainline denominations won't disappear. They are losing their dominant position, but they can use this experience to reform themselves and become more relevant in the world.

How is this current upheaval different from what the Church has experienced before?

For the first time we are doing it in an age of instant media. The Internet makes it easy to talk to each other across national and denominational boundaries in a way that wasn't possible before. But the Internet isn't causing this change; it is enabling it, just as the printing press assisted the growth and development of the Protestant Reformation.

E-mail, the web and social media are allowing people to become connected in new ways. They allow this new form of church to be a self-organizing system—it is not dependent on central offices and structures. It's a leveler, it's egalitarian.

What are people looking for during this Great Emergence?

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Protestantism was its rationalism—it took religion to the head. But today people want religion that also touches their hearts. It's not anti-intellectual; mind and reason are still very important. But people want more than just an intellectual challenge. They want something that moves them emotionally, as well. It is bringing the heart and the head together.


One characteristic of this emergent view of the Church is a return to, and recovery of, liturgy and connectedness to church history. Many Western Christians have acted like the first 1,500 years of the Church never happened—they start in the 1500s with Martin Luther and go from there. But there is a rich tradition of church fathers and mothers who lived faithfully and thoughtfully between those two events. The emergent church is going back to that time and finding deep meaning as they use those old prayers and litanies in worship, along with things like the *Book of Common Prayer*.

How might Christians respond to these changes?

We need to respond prayerfully and carefully. This change isn't happening all at once—it will occur over many years. Like previous social, political, economic and religious upheavals,

how we should respond is not always clear on a day-to-day basis. It was the same during the Protestant Reformation, a time filled with reformers, protestors, puritans, pietists and others. We have to remember that it's not as if Protestantism came forth in one perfect or cohesive package; they didn't always know where things were going, or the consequences of their decisions and actions. Yet it all came together to create this new construct we have called Protestantism, the very thing that is under challenge today.

How do you feel about the changes you are seeing today?

I am optimistic about the future of the Church. For me, Christianity has never been more alive and vigorous than it is right here and right now. The Kingdom of God is coming in many forms and many places these days. All I can say is: "Thanks be to God!" 

Tickle's appearance in Winnipeg is being organized by FaithForum, an organization dedicated to helping Canadian churches strengthen their worship, mission and service, with the support of a number of Christian churches and institutions, including The Salvation Army's Prairie Division, Booth College and College for Officer Training. For more information and to register, go to www.faithforum.ca



Photo: Pete Ceren

Phyllis Tickle: "Christianity has never been more alive and vigorous than it is right here and right now"

The New Face of the Army

The Multicultural Family Centre in St. Vital, Winnipeg, has kept pace with the changing nature of its neighbourhood

by Ken Ramstead, Editor, Faith & Friends and Foi & Vie

Do not go to The Salvation Army's Multicultural Family Centre in St. Vital if you are looking for an oasis of calm in Winnipeg.

In the basement, babies and young children are hollering and running around as their mothers laugh and chat about the day's events. Further down the hall, a dozen young men and women are participating in a team-building exercise, all of them trying to be heard amid the tumult of voices. And in another room, an English as a second language class is being conducted in loud but very passable English. In addition, an Alcoholic Anonymous meeting is being held in the basement and the hall is being readied for a movie viewing later that evening.

"There's always something going on," says Commissioner John Nelson, then director of St. Vital. "Our philosophy is to live the life rather than just talk the life."

Where There's a Need

St. Vital began as a small corps about a quarter of a century ago, but the changing dynamics of the community threatened to pass it by. "Instead of closing, St. Vital was reinvented as a kind of social outreach," says Commissioner Nelson, "and the Multicultural Family Centre was born."



LEEP students participate in a team-building exercise

The population of the St. Vital area consists mainly of low-income families and newcomers to Canada, and the centre has programs tailored to meet their needs.

"St. Vital is far from downtown where most social services are concentrated," explains Jurkuc Yaak, the centre's business administrator. "If we weren't here, they would have nowhere to go. It brings the services to them instead of having them search for assistance."

A LEEP Forward

One of those services is the Life and Employability Enhancement Program. Known as LEEP, it is an employment-training program for youth who have come from war-affected countries. The five-month-long weekly classroom sessions teach employability skills, "from how to fill out a resume to how to dress for a job interview and everything in-between," says LEEP supervisor Michelle Strain.

At the end of the five-month period, the students' skills and language levels are matched to a two-week internship, which can result in full-time employment.

The LEEP program boasts close to a 100-percent graduation rate, and while six-month follow-ups are the norm, many are tracked for years afterwards.

Off the Street and Out of Trouble

Families Are Us is a parenting-support program for parents who have children five years of age and younger. "We conduct various activities focused on topics such as nutrition, literacy, kindergarten preparation and dental care," says Florence Quan, community ministries co-ordinator.

Family Foundations is aimed at parents who are expecting or have a child under the age of one. "The focus here is on pre- and postnatal care," continues Quan. A public-health nurse is on site, as well as a




Offering support to parents and children

dietician and an outreach worker, so that parents can ask questions and immediately get answers. Women come from all over the city to participate in this popular program.

Charlene Howlette was a mother of two daughters and a week overdue with her third child. "I've been very emotional this past week. But I knew if I came here and talked to my friends and the staff, I'd feel better. And I do!"

St. Vital also offers a kids' club from September to June for those aged seven to 12. A structured program with games and crafts, "we also touch on topics that might be part of their everyday lives, such as bullying," Quan says. "There is a strong faith element to these lessons. We tackle topics such as fighting, swearing and civility."

During the summer, kids' camp operates three times a week, with activities and structured themes as well as trips to places like the museum and the zoo.

"St. Vital represents a lot of symbolic value to The Salvation Army," concludes Yaak. "We're the new face of the Army in the community." 

Rewind Your Mind

Use this simple prayer method to explore the moments of hope and despair in your life

by Major Kathy Dickens

Co-ordinator for Mission Effectiveness, Volunteer Development and Addictions Counsellor, Maxwell Meighen Centre, Toronto

At the close of the day, do you take the time to pause and reflect on what's transpired? Rewind the day's events. Were there significant moments that brought you closer to God or perhaps pushed you away? As your head hits the pillow, is your mind racing with thoughts about the next day?

Most of us desire to be better. We want to succeed and become the people God created us to be. But many of us resist the opportunity to reflect on our lives in a meaningful way. It's as though we are scared of getting to know ourselves.

In the addictions classes I teach, I often ask the men to name what they are feeling that day—to look within themselves and identify whether there is happiness, sadness or sorrow. For most of them, this is a new experience. They have abused alcohol and drugs to numb themselves and escape their feelings. They need help exploring their inner lives. I wonder if the rest of us are much different.

To achieve significant change in our lives, we need to learn more about ourselves. This can happen through prayer and reflection as we review our day. This doesn't need to take long; it's like watching a movie of the day's events in reverse. When we do this, and pause at significant moments, we can discover the areas where we have grown and where we have missed opportunities. In a prayerful manner, we then invite God to whisper his insights into our lives.

As an ancient Christian prayer tradition, the "examen" encourages us to identify moments of consolation (where we felt closest to God) and desolation (where we felt separated from him). In its simplest form, the examen consists of two questions: For what moment today am I most grateful?; For what moment today am I least grateful? The intent is for God to

speak to us through these moments of deepest feelings and yearnings. Hopefully we will seek to do more of what brings us consolation, and to listen and respond to what brings us desolation. Practised regularly over a period of time, the examen can guide our lives and help us to make wise choices.

The first time I heard about this prayer method was from a spiritual director. As I discovered more about this discipline, I quickly incorporated it into my spiritual life as a way to discern what is happening in my life.


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Very recently, my husband, Chris, and I began doing the examen together over supper. We are empty nesters and I wish I had known about this method when our son was still at home as it has been a great connecting point for us. As we reflect together on the consolations and desolations of our day, we gain greater insight into each other's lives.

You can do the examen at any time of the day—after lunch, after work or before you go to bed. It can be done alone, with another person or even in a group. This prayer method can be a great tool for conflict resolution and problem-solving, such as reviewing how you responded to certain situations. It also helps us to process our thoughts and feelings as we



closely examine the events of the day. As we practise the examen, we will also witness God's hand at work in our lives.

As you reflect on the desires of your hearts, I hope that God will whisper into your spirit and remind you of the ways he is with you. 

Review, Respond

As you reflect on your day, ask the following questions:

- When did I fail today? Why?
- When did I give and receive love today?
- What habits and life patterns do I notice in my day?
- In what ways did I sense God today?
- When did I feel most alive? Most drained?
- When did I have the greatest sense of belonging? Least sense of belonging?
- When was I most creative? Least creative?
- When did I feel most fully myself? Least myself?
- When did I feel most whole? Most fragmented?

Throughout this prayer time, allow God to speak, challenge, encourage and teach you.

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“Mommy, There’s a Monster”

When helping children conquer anxiety, it’s important to be patient and positive

by Major Kathie Chiu

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The golden retriever stood still. I could feel my six-year-old son, Evan, getting tense, his hand gripping my leg. The breeder motioned Evan to come closer. In the past, Evan had been terrified of dogs. Our neighbours had an untrained golden retriever that would come bounding out to greet us. When Evan was learning to walk, the dog would knock him off his feet, causing him to fear large dogs.

Aware of Evan’s fear, the breeder brought this new dog to our house for Evan to touch. I urged Evan to inch closer until he was almost within reach. The golden retriever remained motionless. Evan reached out tentatively to touch the dog’s back, but then quickly withdrew his hand. The breeder encouraged him to try again. Finally, Evan began to stroke the dog.

“Mom, I like this dog,” said Evan. “I don’t think he’ll knock me over.” The breeder was so moved by the experience that he offered two-year-old Boomer to us for free.

All children have fears, whether it’s of the dark, bugs or monsters in the closet. Some children easily outgrow them, but others take longer. Coping with a child’s anxiety can be challenging. I confess that I sometimes say to my children: “Come on, don’t be silly. There’s nothing to be afraid of!” But I, too, can fill the house with squeals when confronted with a large spider.

Fear can be beneficial, especially if the threat is real.



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The adrenaline starts pumping and you feel energized to run or face your foe head on. Some phobias are irrational and harmless, such as when I panic around spiders.

At its worst, fear is debilitating and can cripple a child, completely taking over his life. Anxiety disorder is one of Canada’s most common illnesses. Children with serious


phobias may require medical support or supervision.

When helping children conquer their fears, be patient and positive:

- Talk to your children about what they’re afraid of and help them understand what’s real and what’s imagined. For example, take them to the closet during the day and

show them that nothing scary is in there.

- Use play acting to encourage children to confront terrifying situations. Help them learn words to speak to themselves and actions they can take to become calm.
- When facing fears head on, be relaxed and reassuring, letting your children know you won’t leave.
- Help them to memorize simple Bible verses to use when they are afraid.

I’m grateful that God is with our children, especially when they are afraid. The Bible tells us that “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble” (Psalm 46:1). Scripture also assures that God “will never leave [them] nor forsake [them]” (Joshua 1:5). When they are filled with fear and anxiety, they can trust God to bring them peace. 

This is Major Chiu’s final article in the Just Between Us series. Salvationist thanks her for her contributions. Her future columns will be available online at Salvationist.ca.

Common Phobias

- **Arachnophobia:** fear of spiders
- **Ophidiophobia:** fear of snakes
- **Acrophobia:** fear of heights
- **Cynophobia:** fear of dogs
- **Astraphobia:** fear of thunder and lightning
- **Pteromerhanophobia:** fear of flying
- **Mysophobia:** fear of germs or dirt



More Precious Than Silver

On September 25-27, join the territorial weekend of prayer for victims of sex trafficking

by **Rochelle McAlister**, Project Associate, Ethics Centre, Winnipeg

Human sex trafficking is slavery—people being bought and sold for the purposes of sexual exploitation. You may think this is just an international issue, but women are imported into Canada to work in the sex industry. Traffickers also prey on Canadians—recruiting, deceiving, controlling and exploiting those who are vulnerable because of sexual abuse, loss or family breakdown. Young girls are trafficked from aboriginal communities to urban centres, teenagers are trafficked from “nice” neighbourhoods to “bad” ones, women are trafficked from small towns or provinces to larger ones. With the Olympics coming to Vancouver in 2010, it is predicted that there will be an increase in human sex trafficking to meet the increased demand for commercial sex.

The Salvation Army wants to **prevent** human trafficking through education about the issue. All over the territory, Salvationists are working with like-minded community partners to create awareness about human sex trafficking. On Parliament Hill, The Salvation Army meets with elected officials to share information about human trafficking. Last year, The Salvation Army in Newfoundland and Labrador hosted a multi-disciplinary anti-trafficking conference. In Bermuda, Salvationists have written informational articles for local newspapers. Recently in a high-risk neighbourhood of Calgary, The Salvation Army spoke to 70 teachers about human traf-

ficking and equipped them with lesson plans to educate youth. In Toronto, teens organized a fundraising art show entitled Break the Chains.

The Salvation Army has committed to **protect** and serve victims of sex trafficking. “It is not unusual in Montreal’s Hochelaga-Maisonneuve to see women, both young and old, prostituting themselves,” says Captain Rachele Lamont, corps officer. “These women are not just from Quebec, they have also been brought here from other places,” she says.

Traffickers also prey on Canadians—recruiting, deceiving, controlling and exploiting those who are vulnerable

In Vancouver, a group of young Salvationists participate in Night Lights, reaching out to sexually exploited people on the streets of the infamous Downtown Eastside. Around the country there are also prostitution diversion programs where The Salvation Army’s correctional and justice services connects with prostituted women.

The Salvation Army believes redemption for all people is possible, and so is committed to **restore** traffickers, johns and others in the commercial sex industry. “Across the country from Moncton, N.B., to Ottawa to Winnipeg to Saskatoon, The Salvation Army operates prostitution offender programs for men who have been caught attempting to buy sex,” says Dianna Bussey, chair of the territorial anti-trafficking network.

Above all else, The Salvation Army recognizes the need to **pray** about human trafficking and for its victims. In 2006, the Canada and Bermuda Territory initiated a Weekend of Prayer for Victims of Sex Trafficking. The weekend has since become an internationally-recognized call to prayer from the General. The territory’s 2009 theme, More Precious Than Silver, affirms the inherent worth of trafficked persons.

“At the end of September, Salvation Army corps around the world commit to praying specifically for those affected by human trafficking and the sex trade. We hope all corps in Canada and Bermuda will join in on this important weekend,” says Dr. James Read, executive director of the Ethics Centre, which is co-ordinating the weekend.

As Salvationists, let’s continue to prevent, protect, restore and especially pray about human trafficking. ☺

Prevent, Protect, Restore, Pray

PRAY for people who are vulnerable or at risk of being trafficked. The average age of Canadian women entering the commercial sex industry in Canada is 13-14, and young aboriginal women are disproportionately at risk. Pray for safety, protection and wisdom for young women.

PRAY for sexually trafficked persons. Pray for their safety, and that they will find hope, freedom and restoration. Pray that victims will get the services they need, such as healthcare, counselling, shelter and legal advice.

PRAY for human traffickers and all those involved in the sex industry. Pray for repentance, change, justice and restoration.

PRAY for people fighting human sex trafficking. Pray for the police, The Salvation Army and all of its partners who are doing what they can to see an end to human trafficking. Pray for wisdom, compassion, patience and co-operation.

For more information and prayer resources, visit www.salvationist.ca/trafficking

Hometown Loyalties

Jesus' ministry defied local expectations

by Major Ray Harris

When they heard Jesus' words, all "were filled with rage" (Luke 4:28). At first the crowd in the synagogue "spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth." But the applause had barely died down when the same crowd was outraged. What happened? What turned supportive listeners into an angry mob? If it was nothing Jesus did, it must have been something he said.

Luke's Gospel begins the public ministry of Jesus with this story (see Luke 4:16-30). As was his custom, Jesus went to his hometown synagogue on the Sabbath and read from the 61st chapter of Isaiah. To paraphrase, "The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to those damaged by poverty; the Spirit of the Lord has sent me to release those held in bondage, whether social or spiritual; the Spirit of the Lord has sent me to bring sight to those unable to see and those unwilling to see; the Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim the Year of Jubilee, to make the playing field level again." After a few lines, Jesus sat down and said: "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." The implication is clear: Isaiah's prophetic vision will provide a map for the ministry of Jesus.

Joseph's Son?

The response was immediate and warm: all spoke well of Jesus and his "gracious words" (v 22). Then his listeners asked, "Is not this Joseph's son?" Jesus sensed danger in the question. In the culture of the day, Jesus would be particularly obligated to his hometown of Nazareth. It's a little like saying, "Sidney Crosby is from Cole Harbour, N.S., so he needs to bring the Stanley Cup to us and not to the sick kids in Toronto; we're his hometown." Or, "The prime minister is from the Prairies;



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he needs to take care of the West with the stimulus package before any other part of the country." Hometowns have expectations.

Jesus heard their question and understood its agenda. But he refused to follow its script. Drawing on Israel's story, he pointed to the need for a broader ministry: during Elijah's ministry there was a severe famine, but that prophet was sent to a *Gentile* widow; and during Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but

he brought healing to a Syrian military commander. In other words, Jesus was saying, "The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to carry out these tasks, but to carry them out for all people, without respect to hometown loyalties."

The words jarred. They were not what the good people of Nazareth wanted to hear. They had difficulty thinking of their son contributing to the welfare of Capernaum, let alone to men and women outside the covenant of Israel. The words of Jesus jolted them and they reacted with anger. In their view, grace had its loyalties and preferred recipients.

Limitless Grace

Luke's Gospel narrates Jesus' ministry of grace. In fact, he responded to a synagogue leader's request to heal his 12-year-old daughter. But he also responded to a request from a Roman centurion. And

he made despised Samaritans heroes in his parables, for, as the hymn says, "His love has no limits, his grace has no measure, his power no boundary known unto men" (SASB 579). That's the way grace speaks and works. It doesn't play favourites.

The Salvation Army's second General negotiated the tensions of grace. At the outbreak of the First World War, Bramwell Booth was conscious of the Army's internationalism, noting: "Every land is my fatherland, for all lands are my Father's." He encouraged the deployment of Salvationists to drive ambulances for British troops; he also encouraged the visitation of German prisoners of war in Switzerland. His practice of grace evoked opposition in his homeland. But his practice of grace held the Army's international world together.

A ministry of grace refuses to be defined by neighbourhood loyalties. Words of grace take us beyond the claims of cultural expectations. Such words can jar us. S

Reuniting families through perseverance, caring and old-fashioned detective work

To celebrate over a century of achievement, Crest Books published *No Longer Missing!*, a collection of 71 cases compiled by Judith Brown and Major Christine Poff from books, newspapers and Salvation Army periodicals. *Salvationist* interviewed Brown about this ministry.



There hasn't been a Salvation Army book dealing with the missing person's ministry in a number of years. As it happens, 2010 is the 125th anniversary of the inquiry department, so the timing seemed right to acknowledge the impact the Army has made in this area.

At the beginning of the project, we considered focusing only on the United States but as we started compiling stories, we saw how so many cases overlapped with other countries such as the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada. We realized it didn't make sense to limit it to the United States. It took more than a year to collect the stories and the accompanying photographs.


"A Lawyer Goes Undercover," where a woman posed as a missing-persons investigator to try to get to the bottom of a mysterious inquiry, and "Making Sense Of The Past," where a daughter reunited with her long-lost father after more than 30 years, are two, as well as "One Father, Two Sons, Three Continents," a Canadian story from *Faith & Friends*.



I think it was the perseverance of people to reconnect after so much time had gone by. A lot of families had been separated for decades—some of them for most of their lives—but they never gave up.

I think it's the pastoral component, which is missing from private detective agencies. It's that compassion and the willingness to really care about the people. It's more than just a job—it's a ministry.

First, not everyone has access to the Internet, or even a computer for that matter. Second, there's more to family tracing than computer searches. A lot of it is old-fashioned detective work—searching

When people think of The Salvation Army, our social services immediately come to mind, but not everybody knows that the Army is in the business of finding missing persons. We want to draw attention to the Army's success in reuniting families, and we hope the book will encourage people around the world who are still searching for lost loved ones. 

The Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda offers family tracing services at territorial headquarters and many of its divisional offices. For more information, visit Salvationist.ca/family-tracing



How Is it With Your Soul?

More than ever, we need to pose this question to a hurting world

by Commissioner William W. Francis, Territorial Commander

The title question sounds a bit old fashioned today. Why not simply ask, “How are you doing?” or a similar nicety such as, “How’s life treating you?” Some Christians are suspicious that posing a question about a person’s soul is an anachronism—something that was only understood and accepted in a previous generation. Could it be that just the opposite is true?

In his insightful book, *Renovation of the Heart*, Dallas Willard observes: “We usually know very little about the things that move in our own soul, the deepest level of our life, or what is driving it. Our ‘within’ is astonishingly complex and subtle—even devious. It takes on a life of its own. Only God knows our depths, who we are and what we would do.”

The soul is mysterious and challenging to define. The Old Testament Hebrew word *nephesh* refers to a soul or a living being, while at the same time indicating the person’s relationship to God. The soul cannot be defined apart from its association with God. The soul manages everything: our thoughts, feelings and deepest emotions. The soul is our life-centre, our character and what makes us unique.

William and Catherine Booth had a vision for lost souls. On May 9, 1912, at the famed Royal Albert Hall in London, England, William Booth delivered his final address. In a strong, compelling voice, he affirmed his commitment to the people for whom Christ died, concluding with his oft-quoted vow: “I’ll fight; I’ll fight to the very end!” This is The Salvation Army’s DNA. In witnessing for Christ, we are called to fight against sin and evil and to share the transforming possibility of his all-embracing wholeness. Catherine Booth challenged her generation with an eloquence and passion that equalled her husband’s. Her fervent plea echoes through the century since her death. “Oh, that you would get up,” she urged, “determined, facing the consequences, and come out just as if Jesus Christ were here in the flesh, and were calling for volunteers, to go and be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.”

A prominent American lawyer, Horatio

Gates Spafford (1828-88), is best known for his hymn, *It Is Well With My Soul*. He lost his four daughters in a dreadful sea tragedy as they crossed the Atlantic Ocean in 1873 with their mother, Anna. They were on their way to the Holy Land where Horatio was to meet them after he finished business commitments in Chicago. Upon receiving the horrific news, Spafford crossed the ocean to be with his wife. As the ship sailed near the

ing for men, women and children who are in desperate need of Christ and his redeeming love.

In his bestselling book, *Care of the Soul*, Thomas Moore challenges believers to focus on our souls. His statement must be read slowly and several times. “As we become transparent, revealed for exactly who we are and not who we wish to be, then the mystery of human life as a whole glistens momentarily in a flash of

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place where his girls had drowned, he penned his famous poem, entrusting his soul, and the souls of the ones he loved so much, to the Lord:

*Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to know
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

(SASB 771)

Is everything well with your soul? The question is based on a fervent conviction that more than ever The Salvation Army needs committed officers, soldiers, adherents and friends who are enthusiastically devoted to reaching out and car-

incarnation. Spirituality emanates from the ordinariness of this human life made transparent by lifelong tending to its nature and fate.” Are you tending to your soul through prayer and reflection upon God’s Word?

As God’s people, we have hope. We look forward to the time when Christ will call us to be with him forever. May these words of Horatio Spafford’s song be our testimony:

*O trump of the angel! O voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!
It is well with my soul.* S

A Passion in Their Hearts

How do you secure the Army's future? Win over the next generation, says Captain Mark Hall

Captain Mark Hall is the newly appointed territorial youth secretary. Captain Hall spoke with *Salvationist's* associate editor, Major Max Sturge, about his vision for ministry.

What aspects of youth ministry do you enjoy the most?

Two things stand out: seeing kids commit their lives to Jesus Christ at junior youth councils and observing the spiritual growth of the teen staff at our summer camps. It is encouraging to see many of them, who were shy about their faith, becoming bold in their witness through the spiritual impact of their camp experiences.

Did you have a similar turning point?

I recall as a nine-year-old being in the back seat at the then EarlsCourt Citadel, enthralled by the music, but sensing God calling me to walk up the aisle in front of my friends and give my life to Jesus. I wanted the same kind of relationship with Jesus that my older sisters had.

How do you view your role?

In the Army system, youth and children's ministries have three levels of leadership: local, divisional and territorial. Hands-on ministry occurs at the corps with DHQ providing oversight, encouragement and accountability. The territorial youth secretary, as part of the THQ corps ministries department, is a resource to divisional commanders and divisional youth secretaries. I need to be aware of national



Cpt Mark Hall interacts with young people at a hockey camp

trends among youth and to generate discussion on how to effectively adapt our ministries to these developments.

What excites you the most about your new ministry?

The enthusiastic commitment of our youth to Christ. They don't march to the drumbeat of duty as much as to the fire in their hearts. They have a burning passion for mission.

What good things are happening in youth ministries?

We should be grateful for the deep concern for social justice and environmental issues evident among young people in Canada and Bermuda. Through God's Word we can help direct that passion toward his redemptive agenda for the world. Within the Army, I've been impressed with the large numbers of seven- to 10-year-olds in junior youth councils and YP music festivals.

What's your biggest concern right now?

It's troubling that we still lose many of our young people. In his research across our terri-

tory, James Pedlar, Salvationist and PhD student, discovered that a significant reason for this drop-out is that many had never truly committed their lives to Christ. They were kept temporarily by the fellowship and fun involved in their corps activities. But without a growing relationship with Christ, they drifted away. The challenge is ensuring that the young people are fully committed to Jesus and growing in him.

How healthy are our Christian education programs?

Sunday school attendance in all denominations is down. Some corps are adapting their strategies and structures by having Sunday school or spiritually-based youth programs on weeknights. Corps that are adapting to cultural changes without compromising the gospel are fulfilling their God-given mission. We must explore new ways of encouraging our young people in the Word, in Christian values and how to relate their faith to everyday living. We also need to better equip parents to more effectively nurture their children in Christ.

How have you been approaching this new responsibility?

Prayerfully! The size and tremendous diversity of the Canada and Bermuda Territory can be overwhelming. God has called me to ministry and I believe that he will equip me for this demanding opportunity. **S**

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Expanding God's Army

International leaders discuss strategies for church growth, financial stability and social justice



Delegates to the International Conference of Leaders gather at Sunbury Court, near London, England

God is not going to waste this precious opportunity as his people gather, eagerly but in humility, from every corner of the earth," said General Shaw Clifton to the 135 delegates at the 2009 International Conference of Leaders (ICL) held July 7-13 in London, England. The main purpose of the conference was to seek the guidance of God for the future witness and service of the Army globally. The conference also addressed current issues that affect the life and work of The Salvation Army around the world.


On the first full day of the conference, delegates dealt with the issue of social justice. The General reported on the substantial progress made, including the creation of the International Social Justice Commission based in New York and with representatives working in Geneva, Vienna, Jakarta and Nairobi, all under the direction of Commissioner Christine MacMillan.

The next day, the international leaders focused on growth opportunities. The Chief of the Staff, Commissioner Robin Dunster, offered a comprehensive overview of the present size of the global Army (active in 118 countries). The detailed presentation of global statistics made for a wide-ranging discussion led by the General, which is likely to continue well beyond the conclusion of the conference.

The fourth day saw delegates explore challenging issues, such as the impact of the global financial crisis, working and witnessing in an Islamic context, post-modernism, gender equality, reaching modern youth and ecumenism today.

On day five of the conference, the General introduced the theme of "Today's Children, Tomorrow's Leaders." He presented his reflections from the General's Consultative Council's discussion on winning children for Christ. Following a lively discussion, a number of recom-

mendations were tabled for future consideration.

On the final full day of the conference, delegates shared in a holiness meeting to praise God for his faithfulness throughout the conference and to pray together for the Army and the world. Those present signed a personal recommitment and rededication in the presence of one another, many doing so at the mercy seat. All Salvationists are invited and encouraged to sign this spiritual statement (see right) in solidarity with our international leaders. 

Commissioner William W. Francis, territorial commander, will share his personal reflections from the International Conference of Leaders in the next issue of Salvationist.

For detailed reports from the conference, visit salvationist.ca/tag/international-conference-of-leaders

SPIRITUAL STATEMENT



We have gathered in the sacred name of Jesus from every corner of the world. In a spirit of humility we have given time to waiting upon God for his guidance for our own individual and personal lives and also for our sacred responsibilities as Salvation Army leaders under God. We have spent time seeking the will of

God in plenary sessions together, in small groups focused upon the Scriptures, and in solitary prayer and meditation. Our subject matter has included the following large themes and topical issues for the whole Army:

- a re-affirmation of the role of the Army, of all Salvationists, and not least of Salvation Army officership, in the building of God's Kingdom here on earth;
- the building up of God's Kingdom through an ever-deepening commitment to Christ and personal confidence in the power of the gospel;
- working for Kingdom growth through the Army's numerical growth and through the establishing of Army work and witness in new lands;
- the Army's God-given role in working for social relief, social justice and human rights on every continent;
- the challenges of financing the Army's global mission at a time of global recession;
- the challenge of working in Muslim cultures today;
- understanding current societal trends in relation to postmodernism, issues of gender, the younger generation and our relations with other Christian bodies;
- the ever-urgent need to win and disciple children and whole families for Christ;
- the constant need to prepare the future leaders of the Army on every continent.

Most importantly of all, we have prayed together with earnest and seeking hearts, asking God to reveal to us with new clarity all he is willing to accomplish through us despite our failings, both personal and organizational. We have pleaded for a renewed spirit of humility, surrender and submission to the divine will for us and for the Army.

We have pondered again before the Lord, who is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8), a vision of the worldwide Salvation Army kneeling in repentance, prayer and rededication at the mercy seat. We have spoken together of all that this might mean for the Army, seeking new grace, new spiritual power, new divine prompting, and asking for and receiving afresh God's mercy.

As we keep this vision before us, we give heartfelt thanks to God for his blessing upon his Army. We thank and honour him for souls redeemed, lives transformed and a growing Army of Salvationists offering selfless service across the world. We praise God for the growing number of countries into

which he is leading us. We pray for heavenly resources of wisdom and ability in order to meet the many new challenges and opportunities he is giving. We thank him for his constant provision and sustaining grace.

Also we affirm our conviction that, to be truly useful to God, the Army needs to be pure and free from sin, and that senior leaders must, by grace, be effective role models in this. We feel the urging of the Holy Spirit to examine our own hearts afresh to see if there be any wicked way within us. We want to yield again to the demands of divine love, to return to first things, to cast aside distractions displeasing to God and to be in a relation of entire obedience to the Father. We acknowledge our constant need of grace.

We renew our sacred vows and covenants as both soldiers and officers of the Army, thanking God from our hearts for the privilege of the calling he has placed upon us. We declare again our availability and our readiness, as senior officers, to go anywhere to do anything at any time under God and within the structures of the Army, seeking only the advancement of his Kingdom.

We acknowledge our humanity and weakness, seeking the unique strength that God provides when we are weak and he is strong. We confess our limitedness, knowing that God is all sufficient. We abandon explicitly any desire that has sprung up in our hearts to place self first.

We ask for the prayers of our fellow Salvationists to help us in this renewal of our covenants as soldiers and as officers, and in so doing we recognize our vulnerability and our personal need of divine help.

In sharing this spiritual statement with Salvationists everywhere, it is our hope and prayer that it will be received with humble and understanding hearts, and that by the abundant grace of God it will be used to inspire and prompt others to seek with us repentance, with renewed purity and holiness in Christ.

My Personal Recommitment and Rededication

By adding my signature to this statement, I wish to identify personally with the spirit of repentance, humility and availability shown by my comrade Salvationist leaders. With renewed confidence in God, I pledge myself afresh to these shared goals of personal holiness and of seeking to do only his will in all things.

Name

Date

Reverse Mentoring

How Young Leaders Can Transform the Church and Why We Should Let Them

Earl Creps

Review by Major Clarence Bradbury

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Mentoring is not a new practice. It has served the purposes of life and leadership from the beginning of human communities. It comes naturally to many leaders, even if they don't identify their actions and influences as mentoring. It has become an essential practice partly because of the complexity of our times and the sense of personal inadequacy that pervades our culture. With the increase in technology and information, who can keep up? Interdependence has upstaged independence as a core value to be celebrated and cultivated.



We typically think of mentoring as a service provided by older people to younger ones. The accumulation of knowledge and wisdom from many years of experience is made available to the mentee. While that is true and encouraging, you may have observed what I have on many occasions. A younger, less experienced person has spoken truth and guidance into my life, with an impact equal to what I have received from my elders. That is why I was fascinated to read Earl Creps' recent book, *Reverse Mentoring: How Young Leaders Can Transform the Church and Why We Should Let Them*.

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Creps is a church planter in Berkeley, California, and a cultural expert on the "Y Generation" (those born between the 1980s and the early 1990s). He records scores of coffee-house conversations with young people who represent a cultural world outside our churches. Through these interactions we discern the values, emotions, opinions and trends that define today's society. The four sections of this book—Facing Reality, Cultivating Spirituality, Experiencing Practicality and Developing Reciprocity—can help us relate to young leaders who are shapers of tomorrow.

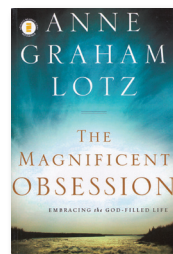
As in any dialogue, we must be ready to be challenged without simply sitting on the comfortable formulas of the past. The honesty of young mentors can be liberating to a generation uneasy with change. This book is not a mentoring prescription, but an invitation to explore the value of cross-generational mentoring as a tool for building relevant, missional leadership. 

The Magnificent Obsession

Embracing the God-filled life

by Anne Graham Lotz

Where do you find God? Are you doing all the right things, but still struggling to find purpose in your life and passion in your faith? Anne Graham Lotz found the answer to her spiritual struggles in the biblical story of Abraham, an ordinary man who became extraordinary because of his costly pursuit of God. Through personal anecdotes, poignant stories and God-inspired insights, she invites readers to draw closer to God, who is as committed to them as he was to Abraham.

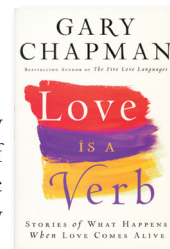


Love is a Verb

Stories of what happens when love comes alive

by Gary Chapman

In his latest book, *Love is a Verb*, Dr. Gary Chapman illustrates truth through 40 stories of people displaying love in action: Loretta, whose family was mended by love; Laquita, who finally fell in love with her husband after 40 years; Kevin, who learned to go beyond fear so he could truly love his family; and Faith, who learned to care deeply for a mother who had become a stranger. Says Chapman: "To last for the long haul, love has to be more than something we feel. It has to be something we ... demonstrate concretely in our marriages and families, among our friends and even among our enemies."

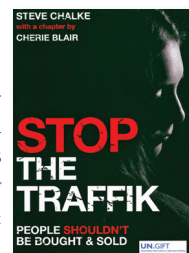


Stop the Traffik:

People shouldn't be bought and sold


by Steve Chalke

Stop the Traffik highlights the worldwide movement of people and organizations committed to sharing the message that human beings should not be bought and sold. Though easy to read, the experiences of survivors and the accompanying photos are heart-wrenching. It is full of facts, photos, statistics, quotes and real stories of victims of trafficking. *Stop the Traffik* includes definitions, declarations and descriptions of labour and sex trafficking and related issues from around the globe. Reading this book will not only inform, but equip you with ideas to help end this social injustice.



Fasting

by Scot McKnight

Scot McKnight, bestselling author of *The Jesus Creed*, reconnects the spiritual and the physical in the ancient discipline of fasting. This practice, he says, doesn't make sense to most of us until we have grasped the importance of the body for our spirituality and can view it as a spiritual response to a sacred moment. Though an ancient spiritual discipline, fasting still demonstrates a whole person's earnest need and hunger for God. The book includes in-depth biblical precedents and advice on how to fast effectively and safely. *Fasting* is the fourth volume in the Ancient Practices Series edited by Phyllis Tickle (see interview on page 8). 



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September 1-5

Focus on the New School Year

- 1 Pray for children attending school for the first time and those moving to new schools
- 2 Pray for young adults attending post-secondary institutions
- 3 Pray for parents as they adjust to their children's schedules
- 4 Pray that God will grant teachers wisdom as they prepare to meet their students
- 5 Pray for school administrators, school boards and the provincial ministries of education as they provide policies, environments and resources to facilitate student learning

September 6-12

Focus on Work and Ministry

- 6 Pray for those facing stressful situations due to job loss or reduction of hours, and for the unemployed
- 7 Pray for safe workplaces where all people are treated respectfully
- 8 Pray for the cadets of the Prayer Warriors Session as they begin their second year of officer training
- 9 Pray for the first-year cadets of the Ambassadors of Holiness Session: Cdts Josh

Downer and Jason Waters

- 10 Pray for Cdts Sharyl Lowry-Marriott, Kyla McKenzie, Joyce Wilson and Jaclyn Wynne
- 11 Pray for Cdts Chris and Tonia Street and Darren Woods
- 12 Pray for Cdts Peter and Grace Kim and their three children

September 13-19

Focus on the Alberta and Northern Territories Division

- 13 Pray for the new divisional leaders, Mjrs Fred and Wendy Waters, and their team
- 14 Pray for the youth together event (Sept 25-27) and its focus on prospective candidates
- 15 Pray for workers who are giving support to people experiencing financial hardships
- 16 Pray for human trafficking awareness, education and initiatives
- 17 Pray for rural ministry effectiveness and sustainability
- 18 Pray that many people will be won for Christ
- 19 Pray for the assimilation of newcomers into our congregations

September 20-26

Focus on Living the Vision: We envision a disciplined people

- 20 Ask the Lord for a deeper understanding of

what it means to be his follower

- 21 Pray for the growth of prayer and Bible study groups through which people can explore God's Word and its relevance to their lives
- 22 Pray for grace to genuinely live out your faith
- 23 Pray for continued development of community with other Christians
- 24 Seek God's guidance on how to integrate spiritual disciplines into your life
- 25 Pray that every Salvationist will be a vibrant follower of Jesus
- 26 Pray for two people in your life: someone you are helping to grow in Christ and someone who is helping you on your faith journey

September 27-30

Focus on Canada Ablaze

- 27 On October 30, the Olympic torch begins a 106-day journey from Vancouver to St. John's, N. L., and back. Pray for the safety of those participating in this run
- 28 Pray for municipal leaders of celebration communities hosting the Olympic torch run
- 29 Pray for the More Than Gold mission teams engaging in outreach and service before, during and after the Vancouver Olympics
- 30 Pray that as the torch moves across Canada, Christians will be renewed by the fire of the Holy Spirit

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Alcohol and Abstinence

What's wrong with social drinking? Does The Salvation Army's teetotaling stance make sense?

In this Salvationist series, Dr. James Read, Executive Director of The Salvation Army Ethics Centre in Winnipeg, and Captain Amy Reardon, Editor of Young Salvationist, U.S.A. National Headquarters, dialogue about moral and ethical issues.

Dear Amy,

At age 14, I became a senior soldier and promised “to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquor.” I’ve changed in many ways in the 40-plus years since then, but I’ve kept that promise.

What is bothering me is that I’ve got more than a few friends, colleagues and family members who respect the fact that I can keep a promise, but really don’t see the point of making a teetotaling promise in the first place.

Drinking is such a part of everyday life in mainstream Canada that not drinking is just kind of odd. I think some see me as quaint and others think I suffer from arrested development. They may not mean it but I feel a little patronized, as if allowances need to be made for someone who’s not grown up enough to have a more nuanced approach to alcohol.

Is the promise I made in 1966 still reasonable? What do you think?

Here’s what I’m grappling with. Nobody thinks addiction is a good thing, but most people who drink aren’t alcoholics and won’t become alcoholics. That’s just a fact. So a promise to abstain seems extreme. I haven’t given up shopping just because there’s a known risk of becoming a shopaholic.

Then there are the purported health benefits. Through the years I’ve had people quote 1 Timothy 5:23 at me—“a little wine for the sake of your stomach” (NASB). Now it’s clinical research results that get added to the Apostle Paul’s recommendation.



*In committing myself
not to drink even a glass,
am I trying to be holier
than Jesus?*

Chosen to be a Soldier refers to drinking as “suspending the exercise of the highest faculties of the mind.” When it says this, it implies that drinking’s always a bad thing. But what do I say to those who commend the mood-altering effects of a social drink as something that would do me good by loosening me up? I admit that I’m pretty awkward socially and generally tend to intellectualize life too much.

Should I be persuaded that C.S. Lewis was right when he said people like me, who don’t know the pleasures of a fine wine, sacrifice something good?

All of these considerations would be irrelevant if drinking alcohol was a sin. Then, my promise not to drink would be just an added reinforcement to remind me not to do what would be sinful to do anyway. There are those who say drinking is inherently sinful and go to great lengths to prove it, as you know—even trying to argue that Jesus turned water into grape juice at Cana, for instance. I just don’t believe what they say. I have no doubt that the wine Jesus drank was fermented. And I accept that people can be mature Christians and have their wine at dinner.

So, the question is posed: In committing myself not to drink even a glass, am I trying to be holier than Jesus?

Jim

Dear Jim,

I agree that the wine of the New Testament was fermented. Why else would Ephesians 5:18 say, “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery”?

But honestly, Jim, I’ve never been tempted to drink, and for the very same reason you might consider it. A little alcohol loosens someone up, as you mentioned. I’m the type who talks too much, laughs too loudly and leaves social gatherings with the haunting question: Did I manage to make an idiot of myself again? The last thing I want is to be under the

influence of something that will exaggerate the aspects of my personality that I wish I could eliminate.

What's more, I'd rather encounter my friends as they really are, not as altered versions of themselves. If we and our spouses were in proximity where we could go out for dinner together, I'd rather hear you intellectualize the way you naturally do, rather than have you adjust your personality with a drink. Of course, it could be the case that—for some—alcohol brings out the true personality that is hiding inside. I just don't have the experience to know for sure.

But allow me to consider this from another angle. Romans 14:21 says, "It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall." Now, I know that verse was written with all kinds of Old Testament litigation in mind—things most of us don't worry about today under the new covenant. But I think there is a principle here that shouldn't be lost. Don't do anything that could cause a brother or sister in Christ to stumble.

You know the old argument: we work with recovering alcoholics, and for their sakes it is best that we stay away from alcohol. Some might think that's extreme, as these people aren't in our presence at all times. But I like the idea of a true commitment to alcohol-free living, as a testimony to these brothers and sisters that life is normal and fine without it.

When we lived in Seattle, our neighbour turned his home into a clean and sober boarding house. We got close to some of the residents there. They told us that they looked to us as the model of a Christian family. (Rose-coloured glasses were involved, I'm sure!) If we did drink, would that have made it difficult for them? They needed someone to look to as an example of successful living. If our successful living had involved alcohol, would they consider compromising their necessary commitments to complete abstinence? I don't know the answer to that, but I felt good that when they visited our home, there were no wine bottles on the shelf. It made me feel like the real deal.

Amy

Dear Amy,

My wife, Laurie, thinks you're being too easy on me. (By the way, we just celebrated our 37th wedding anniversary with fireworks and sparklers around

the cottage bonfire, not a glass of vintage wine.) Laurie's a nurse, and she gets very distressed sometimes about the way the health benefits of alcohol get promoted more than the harms, and the controversies about the researched benefits get minimized.

Apparently, even moderate drinking takes its toll. The risks of cancer, gastrointestinal and liver disease, brain-cell death and injury from accidents increase with alcohol consumption. Links between physiological, mental, social and spiritual health are further areas of concern to her. I don't think anyone has done a population health study of Salvation Army soldiers, but several have been done on Seventh-day Adventists, who are principled teetotalers, too. The results show that Adventists live longer and healthier. Living alcohol-free can be good for you.

Caring for our own health is a Christian responsibility, but I think that caring for others is an even greater responsibility. And this is where you and Laurie really make your case in my estimation. You talk about the impact you and your husband, Rob, have on neighbours, friends and clients in Army rehabilitation programs, showing them that it really is possible to live vibrantly without alcohol.

Laurie talks about the people who have been killed because *others* have chosen to drink, or the patients whose lives have been ruined because *others* drove while drunk or got violent while drunk. One of the very worst is the effects of fetal alcohol syndrome. We know too many people whose lives are permanent struggles because their mothers drank. The mothers might not have been addicts; they might not even have been problem drinkers—any alcohol is too much for a fetus!

So, while I don't like being thought of as odd or an extremist, I am prepared to make my small stand against the billions and billions of dollars that the alcohol industry spends to promote drinking.

Should that commitment be a precondition of being a full member of The Salvation Army, though? This is an acute question, Amy. We say on the one hand that the Army is a church (not a para-church organization

or a sect) and admit on the other hand that one can be a wholly sanctified Christian and still drink. Do we really want to be saying to people that if they are Christians but don't feel convicted about drinking they should join another church?

Jim

Dear Jim,

We both agree that the word "church" doesn't fully sum up what the Army is. You don't want to be odd or an extremist—but wouldn't you agree that Salvationists, as a group of people, are somewhat unusual, and soldiership is ... well, extreme?

Soldiership is more personally invasive than most church memberships. We don't just embrace a doctrine and commit to a body of believers, but we commit ourselves to a lifestyle. That lifestyle has been spelled out by others, based on their understanding of Scripture. A little scary, sure—but we're not forced into soldiership.

Those who choose to drink need not vacate the corps premises! People may choose to be adherents, as opposed to soldiers, for whatever personal reason they may have. It is, I think, more similar to what membership would look like in another church. The adherent affiliates himself in a meaningful way with the corps as his church home, but does not bind himself to the same lifestyle promises as a soldier. I have friends who became adherents because they didn't want to give up their glass of wine.

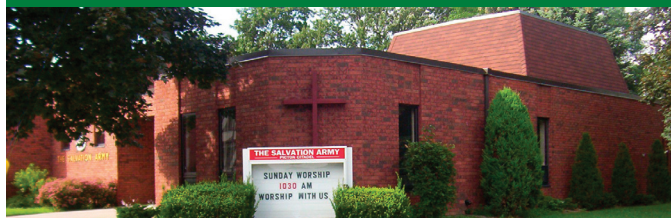
What Laurie has to say about alcohol is helpful. I never realized how many negative effects alcohol can have. I don't think it can be denied that drinking involves risks, but teetotaling never does.

Amy 

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Life After Retirement

After years dedicated to a career, many retirees wonder, “Do I still have a purpose?” As these Salvationists have found, with God, the answer is always yes

by Melissa Walter, Intern, THQ Editorial

Building Up the Temple

Former fire chief Alan Speed and his team give homes a makeover

Four years ago, Alan Speed was driving home from a Salvation Army event when we felt moved to pray, “God, if there’s anything more I can do as a Christian, tell me.” Thoughts of neighbours who could not afford to hire painters, plumbers or repairmen filled his mind. A firefighter for 40 years and a fire chief in Toronto for 11, Alan wanted to do something meaningful in retirement. He knew that he could help people in his community, offering a free service to those who needed odd jobs done around their houses.



Alan Speed: “It’s about reaching out”

When Oshawa Temple, Ontario Central-East Division, asked him to lead a men’s fellowship group, Alan saw this as a God-given opportunity. He told the men at their first meeting that he’d be glad to lead them in spiritual discussion, but that he thought they needed to do more than just talk. As a result, Men of Action and Purpose was formed.

The men meet three times a year for a Saturday breakfast with a guest speaker, but they also get out into the community. Alan’s odd jobs idea has become a reality, with 40 men on call, ranging from bricklayers to computer technicians to plumbers, all ready to help out whenever someone in the community needs a hand. They are asked to paint houses, help people move, build basic furniture and fix plumbing. Sometimes the calls are from within their congregation, but they often receive requests through the corps’ community and family services. The men always let whoever they’re helping know they’re from The Salvation Army, and they try to pray with the family whenever possible.

“It’s about reaching out because we want to help people in God’s name,” says Alan. “We are hopeful that this ministry will touch the hearts of these people.”

Beads of Faith

Julie Dimytruk’s creations encourage hurting women

Julie Dimytruk has always loved crafts, but she never thought she’d become a jewelry maker. “I didn’t know much about beads,” she says, “but now these simple things have become a ministry that reaches out to women in need.”

Julie has led a busy life since her retirement, including starting LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together), a women’s Bible study group at North Toronto. She felt called by God to do more, though, and began to make necklaces and bracelets in earnest last February. She donates these “beads of faith” to shelters in Toronto, where they are given to women who need the love and care she puts into them.

“The ladies absolutely love the jewelry, and that makes me glad,” says Julie. “It’s a source of encouragement for them.” One woman told her that when she is struggling and thinking of how different her life could have been, she holds on to the necklace and thinks of the “angel” who gave it to her.

Recently, Julie travelled to Newfoundland to sell her beaded artwork. Some of this money will be used to help build a clinic for pregnant women in Nigeria, while the rest will be sent to China and Pakistan.

Her beads of faith have been a gift for herself as well. “When you retire, you think, ‘What now?’ But I knew this was what God wanted me to do.”



Julie Dimytruk creates necklaces and bracelets

Moments of Inspiration

Major Sidney Brace's poetry expresses his love for Christ

Major Sidney Brace had no idea he would be writing poetry when he retired. Ten years later, he's not only writing poems, he's printing and selling them.

While volunteering as a chaplain at a seniors' residence, Major Brace had difficulty finding suitable Scripture-based readings to share with the residents. On one occasion, he decided to write a poem himself. "The residents appreciated it, so I continued to write," he says. "Eventually I compiled the poems into a book called *Thoughts From a Grateful Heart*."

Through Green's Harbour, N.L., and other corps, he sold enough copies of his first book to raise \$1,000, which went toward the Partners in Mission Appeal. Since then, Major Brace has been writing steadily—he estimates he has written 250 poems—and has produced several other



Mjr Sidney Brace has a love for the printed word

books. He has also re-interpreted The Salvation Army's 11 doctrines in poetry, which he considers his most difficult enterprise. His current project is *From*

C to C, which describes the story of the Bible, starting with creation (Genesis) to consummation (Revelation). His poems draw on his experience as a Christian, ranging from paraphrases of well-known Scripture verses to meditations on life in The Salvation Army.

Major Brace finds that writing poetry is a meaningful experience for him, since the opportunity to share God's message in verse is an unexpected and valuable gift.

Excerpt from "All Things: Luke 12 vs 31"

Do not take thought or worry about another day.

The food we eat, the clothes we wear, will surely pass away.

And they will soon be left behind, while we proceed through life,

Let's seek the Kingdom of our Lord, where there will be no strife.

Riding the Gospel Train

Roy and Jean Walwyn share their musical talents with the sick and elderly

Roy and Jean Walwyn have always been active musicians, singing in a gospel choir and playing in the Brandon Corps Band in Manitoba. Four years ago, Roy realized that they could build on these experiences and form their own singing group. Musical Expressions, which consists of the Walwyns, their son and two other singers, performs regularly at hospitals, seniors' residences and nursing homes. They also sing at their home corps and churches in neighbouring towns. Occasionally they participate in larger performances, such as a recent gospel jamboree. Musical Expressions is a multitasking group—with



The Musical Expressions singing group

no accompanying band, the members each play instruments, such as mouth organ, keyboard, drum, accordion, violin and saxophone, all while singing three-part harmony.

For the Walwyns, the reason for creating the singing group is simple: "We just love gospel music," says Roy. "It draws people and gives them a spiritual outlook."

The group is firmly rooted in their Christian faith and they see their music as

a way to share their beliefs while entertaining others. "When we perform at hospitals and nursing homes, the audience seems so appreciative," says Roy. "Before we're finished, you can see their toes tapping and their hands clapping. Often, the audience joins in for well-known songs."

In retirement, the Walwyns remain focused on the joy of witnessing through song. "We don't put any pressure on ourselves," says Jean. "We just have a great time singing and praising the Lord."

Painting a Message of Hope


Retirement is no still life for Major Ted Percy

When Major Ted Percy retired from active officership seven years ago, he turned his attention to artistic pursuits. "I've always been interested in painting and writing," he says. "After retiring, I finally had the freedom to focus on them." He built an art studio in his Edmonton home and began working on oil paintings, watercolours, acrylics and drawings. His reputation as a painter has grown steadily, with sales in Canada and England. When he began advertising his art in a local shop, people requested lessons. Major Percy now teaches 20 students ranging in age from 14 to 76, some of whom have gone on to sell their own paintings. He views the lessons as an opportunity for ministry and often uses Scripture in his classes. "When my students are painting mountains," he says, "I share Psalm 121:1: 'I lift up my eyes to the mountains.' Several of my students have also come to me for counselling."

Major Percy has also become a writer

since retiring. His memoir, *My Adventures With Christ: Across Canada with The Salvation Army*, was published in 2007. He and his son, Major Ken Percy, are recording an audio version of the book with Major Ted

Percy narrating.

With these artistic endeavours, Major Ted Percy has been given new opportunities to share God with others. As he writes about himself and wife, Phyllis, in his memoir: "We don't look upon ourselves as 'retired,' we look upon it as a change of ministry focus." 

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Mjr Ted Percy in his studio



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ENROLMENT AND RECOGNITION



RICHMOND, B.C.—Richmond CC celebrates six new adherents. Front row, from left, Sally Xue, Val Forman, Alana Leary, Nancy Peterson, Julie Smith. Back row, from left, Mjrs Brad and Mary Smith, COs; Mjrs Stan and Judy Folkins, former divisional representatives; Dale Peterson; David Owens, colour sergeant



HANOVER, ONT.—Four senior soldiers are enrolled in Hanover. From left, Mjr Owen Gilliam, then CO; Mjr Max Bulmer; Joanne Farrows; Ida-Mae Kennett; Mjr Calvin Layte; Deanna MacKenzie; Mjr Mae Layte; William MacKenzie; Mjr Glenna Gilliam, then CO



BAY ROBERTS, N.L.—New soldiers are enrolled at Bay Roberts. From left, Cpt Morgan Hillier, CO; Yvonne Gosse; Tolby Day; Bob Keeping; Cpt Lisa Hillier, CO



POINT LEAMINGTON, N.L.—Elsie Guy and Wilfred Guy display their adherent certificates. Sharing the occasion are Cpts Trudy and Richard Moulard, COs; Cecil Jewer, colour sergeant

Officer Retirements

Following 40 years of service as Salvation Army officers, **Lt-Colonels Raymond and Audrey Rowe** retired July 3 from their final appointment as divisional leaders of the Newfoundland and Labrador East Division. Both were raised in devout Salvation Army families—Ray in Chance Cove, N.L., and Audrey in Corner Brook, N.L. Prior to officership, they taught in the Newfoundland and Labrador school system. They were commissioned as officers in 1969.



Ray and Audrey pastored Salvation Army congregations on the island of Newfoundland, in Ontario and Nova Scotia, and served on the staff of the St. John's College for Officer Training. This was followed by divisional administrative appointments in Halifax, Corner Brook, N.L., Edmonton and St. John's, N.L. Ray and Audrey are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve God and humanity through the Army. They look forward to spending more time with their family and friends.



Major Maureen Voce and her husband, Major Neil Voce, were commissioned as Witnesses for Jesus in 1990. During their first appointment as corps officers in Peace River, Alta., their love for disaster services evolved. After serving in Nipawin, Sask., their final appointment was Wingham, Ont., from which Neil was promoted to Glory in 2008. "Over the 18 years as Salvation Army officers, there have been many challenges that the Lord helped us with," Maureen says. "The main highlight of our ministry has been helping individuals with their physical needs and watching them grow in their spiritual walk."



WINNIPEG—Mjr Susan van Duinen, then DC, Man. and NW Ont. Div, installs Mark Young as ministry director at Weetamah CC



CORNER BROOK, N.L.—Corner Brook Temple celebrates six new senior soldiers. Left to right, Mjrs Calvin and Loretta Fudge, COs; Rebecca Barrett; Jessica Dawe; Christopher Simmons; Jason Penney; Laura Warford; Andrea Warford; Jane Ash, youth ministries director



WINNIPEG—Mjr Julie Slous, CO, Heritage Park Temple, received a doctorate of ministry in biblical preaching from Luther Seminary in Minneapolis, U.S.A. Members of her corps who had been involved in her study program travelled with her family to be part of the celebration

A Caring Touch

CONCEPTION BAY SOUTH, N.L.—Mjr Rosemary Green, CO, and members of New Creations display items they made and donated to the Janeway Children's Hospital in St. John's, N.L. The afghans, quilted children's blankets, socks (for casts), and hats for newborns and cancer patients will be appreciated by many young people during their hospital stays



Accepted for Training

Kerry Harris, *Grande Prairie Community Church, Alberta and Northern Territories Division*

To be called by God for full-time ministry is an awesome privilege. I know that he will be with me every step of the way. I am excited to begin this God-planned journey. Another new chapter in my life is about to begin. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV).



Marilyn Harris, *Grande Prairie Community Church, Alberta and Northern Territories Division*

From an early age I felt called to become a Salvation Army officer. Since committing to full-time ministry, I have experienced peace and contentment. Trusting God with my future, I know he will be with me as I prepare to serve others. Jeremiah 29:11 says: "For I know the plans I have for you ... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Peter Kim, *Korean Community Church, Toronto, Ontario Central-East Division*

I accepted Christ as my Lord when I was 10 years old. After going through a period of teenage rebellion, I returned to the Lord and became a Sunday school teacher and was active in youth group. This amazing time of spiritual growth continued when I later went on my first mission trip to First Nations people, led several mission trips in Canada and overseas, and served as a Sunday school and youth pastor. God has filled me with his Spirit and called me into ministry to serve.



Grace Kim, *Korean Community Church, Toronto, Ontario Central-East Division*

First exposed to The Salvation Army during my music studies at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., I immediately felt that I wanted to become an Army officer. After university, I married, and my husband's and my desire to enter full-time ministry began to grow. God eventually led us to Korean Community Church. Through praying together we sensed that God was calling us to serve as officers.

Joyce Wilson, *Suncoast Citadel, Goderich, Ontario Great Lakes Division*

"If you cling to your life, you will lose it," said Jesus, "but if you give it up for me, you will find it" (Matthew 10:39 NLT). For many years I was lost because I was holding on to my life so tightly and trying to control my future. As my relationship with God matures, the Holy Spirit convicts me of the areas in my life where I am not fully given to God. True peace and contentment only come when we give ourselves completely to Christ. For me, it means offering myself for full-time ministry as an officer. I feel honoured and humbled by this awesome responsibility.



Joshua Downer, *Mountain Citadel, Hamilton, Ontario Great Lakes Division*

For the next two years I am ready to go deeper in my relationship with Christ, to be moulded into the person he wants me to be. My passion is God, my desire is to care for others and my calling is to be a servant. I am who I am because of God's never-ending love for me, my family and friends in Hamilton and beyond. They have encouraged me to be true to myself and follow God's plan. I am honoured to be a member of the Ambassadors of Holiness Session and am excited about my future. Here I am, my Lord, send me!



Darren Woods, *Heritage Park Temple, Winnipeg, Prairie Division*

Originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland, I grew up in a Christian home and committed my life to Christ at the age of seven. As a soldier of Cedarbrae Community Church in Toronto, I sensed God calling me to officership. I have experienced many ups and downs in life. Circumstances finally brought me to Booth College in Winnipeg. My close contacts with cadets, CFOT and the supportive members of Heritage Park Temple all worked to bring about the fulfilment of my calling. I am so pleased to be an Ambassador of Holiness. May I live up to this sessional name.

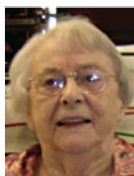


TRIBUTE

CLARKE'S BEACH, N.L.—Major Ross Cole was born in Exploits, N.L., in 1911. As a school teacher he was initially appointed to Dildo and Bay Roberts, N.L., under the command of his officer father. After learning trades in watch-making and auto mechanics, he and his brother, Max, started a successful doughnut business. Ross entered training college in 1935 to become a Salvation Army officer and served first as a single officer and then with his wife, Beulah, in many locations. Following retirement from active service, he moved with his family to Clarke's Beach. He became a justice of the peace and notary public, serving his community well for many years. He is missed by daughters, Dona (Sherman) Stryde and Goldwyn (Clyde) Tilley; sons, Major Orville (Daphne) and Oren (Glenda); 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and many friends.



HANT'S HARBOUR, N.L.—Gertrude (Gertie) Goodwin was born in 1917 and lived most of her life in Hant's Harbour. She and husband, Frank, also lived in Lewisporte for a number of years. Since 1999 she has been living at the Glenbrook Lodge in St. John's, N.L. A Salvationist since a very young age, Gertie was a Sunday school teacher, home league member and songster. She is missed by sons Lester (Pearl) and Melvin (Linda); four grandsons; three sisters-in-law; and many nieces, nephews and friends.



CAMBRIDGE, ONT.—Dale and Nancy Haskell were promoted to Glory within two weeks of each other. Nancy was raised at Guelph Citadel and moved to the corps in Galt, Ont., in 1958 when she married Dale. Nancy served as a songster, cradle roll sergeant, home league treasurer and community care ministries member. An active bandsman for more than 40 years, Dale was a YP band leader, band local and Cub Scout leader. They spent many years as counsellors at Camp Selkirk music camps. Dale and Nancy are remembered by son, Robert; daughter, Donna; granddaughter, Tiffany; and other family and friends.

BURNABY, B.C.—Born in Vancouver in 1915, Anne Shore was a faithful soldier of Jesus Christ. She played the organ at Metrotown Citadel for four decades to the glory of God. She insisted that songs be played with feeling, and not just be "banging on the keys." Anne was active with community care ministries, home league, Bible study and other corps activities. Anne will be missed by her son, Stewart; daughter, Dianna (Kent); and family and friends.



GREEN'S HARBOUR, N.L.—Venus Bishop (nee Cooper) was born in 1934 in Green's Harbour, N.L. Accepting Jesus as Saviour as a child, she was a lifelong Salvationist, serving almost 59 years as a senior soldier. She was a caring, gentle soul, and a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Venus died as she lived—loving and trusting God. She is remembered by her husband, Allan; daughters Glenda and Gail; son, Tony; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother.



STAYNER, ONT.—Eleanor Iona Switzer (nee Pew) was born in Niagara Falls, N.Y., U.S.A., in 1927. As a young girl she moved to Niagara Falls, Ont., where she became connected to The Salvation Army. An accomplished pianist, Eleanor became a member of the Faithful Session and was commissioned as a cadet-sergeant in 1957. She married session-mate Bruce Switzer in 1959. Poor health resulted in Eleanor and Bruce resigning from officership in 1962. For over 30 years they served as music teachers while participating in the corps at Lindsay, Belleville and Orillia, Ont. Eleanor will be missed by her husband, Bruce, and her friends.



Lt-Colonel Barbara Moore and family express appreciation to their many friends who phoned, sent cards and e-mails and faithfully upheld them in love and prayerful support during the brief illness and promotion to Glory of Lt-Colonel Howard Moore.

GAZETTE

TERRITORIAL

Legal name change

Cpt Bonita Hebert to Cpt Bonita McGory

Appointments

Mjr Geoff Ryan, seconded part-time to Cardus, a think-tank focusing on social needs; Mjr Patricia Tuppenney, chaplain, Toronto Grace Health Centre, THQ social services

Retirements

Mjr Lorraine Simpson, out of Long Pond, N.L. Last appointment: secretary, THQ pastoral services; Mjr Maureen Voce, out of Lindsay, Ont. Last appointment: compassionate leave, Ont. GL Div; Mjrs Harvey/Doreen Canning, out of Happy Valley and Grand Falls, N.L. Last appointment: special assignment, Ont. CE Div; Mjr Gloria Fudge, out of Springdale, N.L. Last appointment: Arnold's Cove, N.L. Div

Retirement address

Lt-Cols Raymond/Audrey Rowe, 18 Gisborne Place, St. John's NL A1H 0B2; Mjrs Harry/Elaine Banfield, 80 Cameo Ave, Hamilton ON L8V 2H3; Mjrs Eric/Gillian Walker, Shoreview Village, 130 Rutledge St, Bedford NS B4A 1X6

Change of address

Mjr Lillian Pelley, Box 5225, Clarendville NL A5A 3A2; Mjrs Norman/Nancy Wood, 126-6350 Dorchester Rd, Niagara Falls ON L2G 0A1; Lt-Cols Maxwell/Patricia Ryan, 806-5166 Lakeshore Rd, Burlington ON L7L 1C3; Mrs

Mjr Joan Gage, 2701 Irvine Ave, Saskatoon, SK S7J 2B2; Mjr Harold Peckford, 10 Reid St, Lewisporte NL A0G 3A0; Mjr Gladys Peckford, 205-35 Wynford Heights Cres, North York ON M3C 1K9; Lt-Col Jean Moulton, 2106-35 Wynford Heights Cres, North York ON M3C 1L1; Cpts Frank/Winnifred Phelps, Joseph Creek Village, 1901 Willowcreek Dr, Cranbrook BC V1C 6S4; Mrs Aux-Cpt Ivy Lewis, 953 Arm St, Victoria BC V9A 4G7; Mjr Daphne Snow, 3206-85 Thorncliffe Park Dr, Toronto ON M4H 1L6; Mjr Glenna Gilliam, 67 Waxwing Cres, Guelph ON N1C 1E3; Mrs Lt-Col Helen Morrison, c/o Bill Downham, 239 Upper Lake St, Picton ON K0K 2T0; Mjr Florence Webster, Ottewell Place Lodge, 204-6207 92 Ave, Edmonton AB T6B 2G9; Mjrs John/Gertrude Knowles, 19-13758 74th Ave, Surrey BC V3W 0V7; Mjr Thelma Stewart, RR 1, Eldorado ON K0K 1Y0

Promoted to Glory

Mjr Bernard Wiseman, from Cottam, Ont., Jul 8

CALENDAR

Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis

Sep 8-11 divisional rallies, N.L. Div; Sep 12-13 men's camp, N.L. Div; Sep 19-20 CFOT welcome weekend, installations of principal, director of spiritual formation and DC/DDWM, Winnipeg; Oct 1-9 IHQ and International Doctrine Council, London, England*; Oct 13 Brengle Institute,

JPCC; Oct 16-23 Pan America conference, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Oct 31-Nov 2 CFOT, Winnipeg; Nov 6-8 homecoming, Bermuda Div; Nov 15 Santa Claus parade, Toronto; Nov 21-Dec 3 ICO, London, England; Dec 5 Christmas With The Salvation Army, Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto; Dec 8 retired officers' Christmas dinner, Toronto; Dec 9 Maxwell Meighen Centre, Toronto; Dec 12 Toronto Star Christmas carol concerts, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Toronto

*Commissioner William Francis only

Colonels Donald and Ann Copple

Sep 19-20 CFOT welcome weekend, Winnipeg; Sep 21 Ethics Centre planning meeting*; Sep 25-26 WCBC board meetings*; Sep 27 Southlands CC, Winnipeg*; Oct 16-23 Pan America conference, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Oct 26-30 rallies, N.L. Div; Nov 6-8 Kingston and Picton, Ont.; Nov 21-22 125th corps anniversary, Trenton, Ont.; Nov 27-29 opening of Gateway of Hope, Langley, B.C.

**Col Donald Copple only

General and Mrs. Bramwell H. Tillsley (Rtd)

Oct 11 Erin Mills, Ont.

Canadian Staff Band

Oct 3-4 Cobourg, Ont.; Nov 28 Carols With Brass, George Street United Church, Peterborough, Ont.; Dec 5 Christmas With The Salvation Army, Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto; Dec 12 Toronto Star Christmas carol concerts, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Toronto

Safety Begins at Home

Before school starts, ensure your child knows how to stay safe

by Valerie Pavey, Children's Ministries Consultant, THQ Corps Ministries

The backpacks are picked out and the lunch bags are ready. And while children are excited about the start of a new school year, we need only watch the news reports of abductions and abuse to be reminded of the importance of safety. Here are nine tips to help protect your child.

1. Make a Plan

Establish a safe and direct walking route to school that will be used each day. With a younger child, be sure to practise walking the route, reminding him to look both ways before crossing a street. If your child is going to ride a bike, be sure that he wears a helmet and remind him of the rules of the road.

2. Travel With Others

There is safety in numbers, so have a buddy system and tell your child that she should never go anywhere on her own. Encourage your child to find a classmate or friend who lives close by so they can travel to and from school together.

3. Have a Back-Up

Prepare a short list of close family members or friends who can pick up your child from school in your absence. Stress to your child that you will not send anyone to pick them up who is not on the list. Also, have a code word and teach him not to go anywhere or with anyone from your list who does not know it. As well, if one of his friends has a work-from-home mom or dad, find out if they are willing to let you use their home as a safe place.

4. It's OK to be Rude

Teach your child to go back into the school and tell someone if anyone unfamiliar approaches them, wants help finding a lost puppy or fellow student, or wants to give them a ride. There are times when it is acceptable to be rude to a stranger (to avoid talking to them or run away). This could save your child's life!

5. Safe Arrival Plan

If your child is old enough to be unsupervised (at least 12), nothing advertises "I'm home alone" louder than a key around the neck. Instead, choose which backpack pocket will safeguard the house key. After arriving home, your child should quickly phone or text you at work to let you know she has arrived home safely. It's also helpful to have a set time that you expect her to contact you. If she doesn't call by this time, you should call her.

absent. After-school play dates should be planned a day in advance so that arrangements can be made for going to a friend's house and travelling home again. Teach your child never to answer or open the door when you are away from home.

8. Know What to Do When ...

Have a list of phone numbers that your child can call if he can't reach you. Include numbers for your work, your cellphone, grandparents, a neighbour and emergency services. These may be numbers that he already knows, but in a crisis, he may have trouble remembering them. It's also important to discuss situations when the police or 911 should be called for assistance. Have conversations that explore "What would you do when ...?" scenarios.

9. Know Your Responsibilities

There are many things we want our child to do in order to keep safe, but parents have responsibilities, too. We are the model our children will follow. If you are going to be late, phone home and let your child know. Avoid changing plans at the last minute. If you have arranged for someone to pick up your child or have changed pre-arranged plans, call the school and ask them to update your child. Keep a current photo of your child on hand together with a chart with her height, weight, close friends' names, addresses and phone numbers. Planning ahead will help keep you calm in a moment of crisis.

Choose the safety tips that work best for you and your family, and be sure that every family member knows the rules and sticks to them. Review these rules throughout the school year, make improvements as necessary and keep everyone informed and safe. ☎

Helpful Websites

www.safekidscanada.ca
safecanada.ca/kids
childsafecanada.com

6. Home-Along Activities

The time between arriving home and waiting for a parent to arrive can be the most stressful, lonely or easiest to get into trouble. Plan some fun activities your child can do while he waits for you to come home. Find ways to limit the amount of time your child is home alone after school. If your work has flexible hours, try going to work and ending your day earlier. Find a trusted relative who is willing to stay with your child or enrol him in an after-school program.

7. Determine After-School Rules

Work with your child to determine house rules for having friends over while you are



Booth's Birthday and Lumberjacks

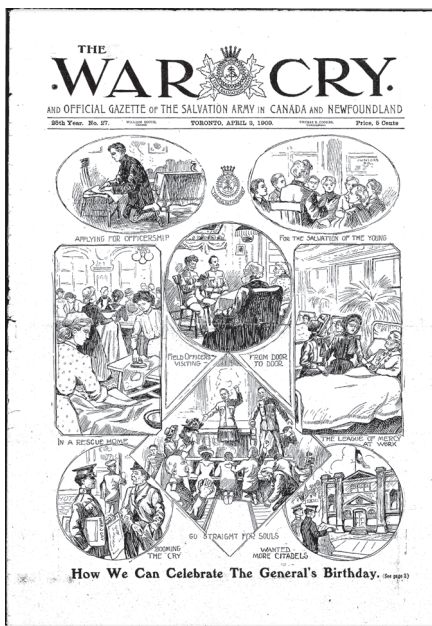
Looking back at 125 years of Salvation Army publishing

On November 1, 1884, the first issue of the Canadian *War Cry* was published. As *The War Cry* was renamed *Salvationist* in 2006, we will be celebrating 125 years of publication this November. Over the next few issues we will highlight some of the stories that have been published.

1884

Bands Playing, Colours Waving

The first issue of the *The War Cry* carried a report of the second anniversary of The Salvation Army in Canada. Included in the celebrations was a gigantic march along Queen Street and up to James Street in Toronto, where a plot of land had been purchased for \$7,000 for the purpose of building a territorial headquarters. The total cost, including the land, would be \$22,000. Commissioner Thomas Coombs, territorial commander, along with headquarters staff and hundreds of Salvationists, gathered at the spot for the dedication.



1909

The General's 80th Birthday

In recognition of General William Booth's 80th birthday celebrations, the April 3 and 10, 1909, issues of *The War Cry* featured a number of "words of good cheer and inspiration to the comrades." Mrs Commissioner Coombs wrote that the

"enthusiasm in connection with the 80th birthday celebrations of our beloved leader is at fever heat."

The candidates secretary shared that the "General urges that one of the principal features of his 80th birthday celebrations shall be the securing of 2,000 young men and women throughout the world as candidates for officership."

Commissioner Coombs (serving in his second term as territorial commander) offered the challenge, "Comrade, in no way can you give the General greater joy than by re-consecrating yourself afresh to God, and going in wholeheartedly for soul saving ... Work amongst the juniors; applying for officership; undertaking corps duties; these things will be gifts indeed to the General."



1931

Itinerant Salvationism

The January 10, 1931, issue of *The War Cry* reported on the Army's "wonderful work amongst the lumberjacks of Northern Canada." Said the writer: "Whether by train, foot or boat, the gospel to the world must go ... Recently we took a little trip of about 200 miles ... where we had our customary weekly meeting. Our next call was a lumber camp, 22 miles back in the bush. We went by foot most of the way. An inspiring meeting was held with the men, and we were pressed to return."

1959

Winnipeg Ripe for Revival

"Revival fires are burning in Winnipeg," reported the November 28, 1959, issue of *The War Cry*. A Saturday night youth rally held in the Elmwood Corps, in which Commissioner A. Barnett (R) and Sr-Major

L. Pindred participated, witnessed nine seekers at the mercy seat, and a glorious outpouring in blessing. Sunday meetings in every city corps were given over to continuous prayer.

"Eighteen seekers at Ellice Avenue, and six at St. James, were recorded. Sr-Major Allister Smith arrived in Winnipeg, having accompanied Commissioner W. Booth to Saskatoon for a soldiers' assembly, where some 55 seekers were registered, and great blessing crowned the effort."



1984

Reach Out!

The May 26, 1984, issue of *The War Cry* highlighted the Crosswalk street ministry in Vancouver, under the leadership of then Captain Christine MacMillan (pictured above). "The ministry is carried on in downtown Vancouver where life is riddled with the devastating consequences of alcohol, drugs, prostitution and mental illness ... The Crosswalk not only protects individuals from the outside elements, but provides a warm and compassionate atmosphere for an individual who is suffering from loneliness and needs contact with concerned persons."

A report on how The Salvation Army in Pakistan supported 41,000 Afghan refugees appeared in the August 11 issue. A Canadian officer and trained physiotherapist, Captain Irene Ogilvie, served "among disabled children in the refugee camps and a small clinic in Peshawar ... Her heart was stirred when she saw youngsters, long past the baby stage, crawling in the sand outside the parents' tents unable to walk." S